

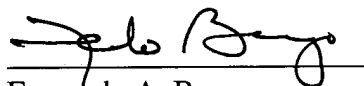
16. (amended) The flexible foam made according to the process of claim 15 comprising
unreacted organic or inorganic acid anhydride.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-4, 11, 12 and 14-16 remain pending in this application. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 11, 12, and 14-16 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A - Amended Claim

1. (twice amended) A process for producing [foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition products or polyurethane elastomers] a flexible polyurethane foam having a density of 20 to 70 kg/m³, wherein said foam comprises at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride, [by] said process comprising reacting isocyanates with compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of catalysts, blowing agents, additives and/or auxiliaries, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of (ii) at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride and at least one urethane forming catalyst selected from the group consisting of organic amines, excluding alkanolamines, and organic metal compounds.

11. (amended) [The foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition products or polyurethane elastomers] A flexible polyurethane foam made according to the process of claim 1 comprising unreacted organic or inorganic acid anhydride.

12. (amended) The [foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition product or polyurethane elastomers] flexible polyurethane foam of claim [7] 11 comprising a flexible polyurethane shoe sole.

14. (amended) A mattress and/or upholstery material and/or carpet material comprising the flexible polyurethane foam of claim 11 having a density of 15 to 300 kg/m³ [wherein said foam comprises at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride].

15. (amended) A process for producing a [foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition products or polyurethane elastomers by] flexible polyurethane foam comprising reacting:

a) isocyanates with

b) compounds which are reactive toward isocyanates

in the presence of

c) at least one organic or inorganic acid anhydride;

d) at least one urethane-forming catalyst different from b); and

e) optionally, blowing agents, additives and/or auxiliaries,

wherein said flexible polyurethane foam has a density of 20 to 70 kg/m³.

16. (amended) [The foamed polyisocyanate polyaddition products or polyurethane elastomers] A
flexible polyurethane foam made according to the process of claim [11] 15 comprising unreacted
organic or inorganic acid anhydride.